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H. Ricklin Dies At Narberth Home; Boro Businessman

Successful Founder Of Hardware Store Was 75 Years Old

Funeral services were held last Friday afternoon at the Raphael-Sacks Chapel, 1945 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, for Hyman Ricklin, 75, who died at his home, 118 Essex Ave., Narberth, early last Thursday morning.

One of Narberth's most colorful residents, Mr. Ricklin has been described as a "part of Narberth". A native of Pinsk, Poland, he came to Philadelphia when he was twenty. First employed in a sweat shop, he later bought a horse and wagon and peddled milk, eggs, butter and cheese. After becoming a peddler, he was able to start his own milk business at 625 S. 11th St. However, when the milk business became unprofitable, he sold out and moved to Malvern where he opened a general store, the Valley Store.

Valley Store later burned down and he moved back to Philadelphia, where he had a hard time earning a living. Sometime later, he should go to Narberth, and so 37 years ago he came here, intending to open a grocery store. However, there was already one grocery store, and he opened a hardware store instead. He knew nothing about the hardware business and for the first few years the Ricklin family had a hard time. Little by little, however, Narberth grew, and more and more people patronized his store. Now the Ricklin Hardware Store does a flourishing business and its founder has been described as one of Narberth's most successful business men.

"Mr. Ricklin was the kind of man who lived religion," said a neighbor yesterday. "He believed in all religions, and often said that it made no difference which church you went so long as your heart was clean and good and you loved your fellow man."

"He was never able to forget the hardships he himself had gone through and because of this he did all he could for other people. He always seemed happiest when he was doing something for someone else. He loved America and often said that Americans didn't appreciate their country."

He never had the opportunity to go to school, but due to his intense interest in everything and to his extensive reading, he was a very well informed man.

He could talk not only to older people but also to youngsters. He always had time to explain things to them, and to tell them stories.

He was a member of the Hebrew Literature Society of Philadelphia; the Palestine League; the British Achin Beneficial Association; and was a director of the Down Town Orphans Home.

Mr. Ricklin is survived by his wife, Ray; six children, Harry, Ricklin, Mrs. David Brinkman, and Mrs. Harry Moskowitz of New York; Mrs. Louis Weiner of Narberth; Mrs. Louis Crass, and Louis Ricklin, both of Philadelphia; and three grandchildren: Jay Brinkman, and Robert and Joanne Ricklin.

The store is now being managed by his son, Louis, and Mr. and Mrs. Weiner.

All Traffic Lights Will Be Uniform

Change From Overhead To Right Side of Corner

Many Pennsylvania municipalities have already taken steps to comply with a Commonwealth statute which requires that all traffic lights be on the right side of the intersection.

The State Highway Department revealed today that John U. Shroyer, department head, said plans were being advanced to comply with a law the 1942 special Legislature passed to have all traffic lights throughout the State placed at the right side of intersections.

The lights must be changed from overhead suspensions, standards in the middle of intersections or whatever other methods being used, to the right side of the corner only slightly higher than an automobile's level.

While the statute will not become effective until President Truman and Congress officially declare the war over, Shroyer said, "A number of municipalities already have placed orders for necessary material to make the required changes."

Fortieth has planned for removal of the three remaining suspension type lights, at Walnut and Main Sts., Airy and Swede, and Airy and DeKalb, but necessary equipment has not been purchased as yet. Borough Secretary William Bowen said today.

Carol Program

The Montgomery County Court House presented a program of Christmas music in the main hall of the Court House, Monday morning, James A. Curran is conductor of the chorus.

Evicted, Dubbed Fire Hazard Teen-Agers Said to Be Noisy

Lower Merion High School teen-agers, who have been buffeted about from pillar to post since the school year started, were faced with a residential petition this week.

The petition, circulated among residents of Sutton Rd., was signed by 14 citizens. Most of them fathers and mothers. It was sent to Bullock-Sanders Post, American Legion, the organization that gave them shelter when they were evicted from the Ardmore Woman's Club.

James V. Esposito, 140 Sutton Rd., Ardmore, circulated the petition according to American Legion officials.

The petition objected to the use of the Legion Home by the teen-agers for their Friday night dances. It complained of noise and nuisance.

The petition also objected to the use of the home by any outside group except the Legionnaires themselves. The matter has been referred to Thomas McConnell of the Montgomery County law.

Enlist Girls Who Like To Roller Skate For Rehabilitation Work

The Camp and Hospital Committee of the Main Line Red Cross in Ardmore has an additional volunteer service. It is enrolling girls over 18 who like to dance or roller skate and who here have free afternoons, to assist in the rehabilitation program of the Valley Forge General Hospital. The group which dances with the patients at the hospital will leave Tuesday afternoons, at 12:15 P. M. from the Red Cross headquarters and return about 5 P. M. The roller skating group will leave the same time on Thursday afternoons for Norris-town and return a little earlier. The Red Cross Motor Corps will transport the girls both ways.

Award Prizes In Fish, Game Contest

Officers Nominated by Rod and Gun Club; Two Contests

Awarding of large fish, game and vermin prizes and nominations of officers for 1946 were the high lights of the December meeting of the Lower Merion Rod and Gun Club held last Wednesday night in the American Legion Hall, Narberth.

John Munro, Wilmington, Del., won the vermin prize. The annual contest in which club members entered their largest catches of fish and game ended with the following winners:

Striped Bass—John A. Miller, Narberth; weight, 12 3/4 lbs., length 26 inches—caught at Beach Haven.

Flounder—Franklin P. Kormer, Bala-Cynwyd; weight, 12 lbs., 1 oz.—caught at Wildwood.

Great Northern Pike—Mrs. Ellen A. Dietrich, Upper Darby; weight, 16 1/2 lbs., length 41 inches—caught in Canada.

Wall-Eyed Pike—Charles Spencer, Upper Darby; weight, 4 lbs., length, 22 inches—caught below the Conowingo Dam outside of Maryland.

Smallmouth Bass—Henry Drumm, Upper Darby; weight, 3 3/4 lbs.—caught in Maine.

Pickering—Henry Drumm, Upper Darby; weight 2 lbs., 14 oz., length, 23 inches—caught in Maine.

Rainbow Trout—Thomas Johnson, South Ardmore; weight, 2 lbs., 11 oz.—caught in Ridley Creek, Delaware County.

Brown Trout—Henry Drumm, Upper Darby; weight, 2 lbs., 4 oz.—caught in Maine.

Brook Trout—Henry Drumm, Upper Darby; weight, 2 lbs., 4 oz.—caught in Maine.

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Sound Films Taken Of Public Officials

Will Be Shown For First Time Locally At Haverford

Haverford Township citizens will see their government in action and have an opportunity to ply their public officials with questions at a town meeting on January 4 at 8:15 P. M.

The town meeting, sponsored by the Haverford Township Civic Council, will be held in the auditorium of the Senior High School, Brookline.

Sound motion pictures of municipal governments in action will be shown for the first time in this section. The pictures were prepared by the Pennsylvania State College Extension Service. They will include shots taken of Haverford Township's Board of Health and the Township Police.

William S. Livengood, secretary of the State Department of Internal Affairs, will be the speaker for the first half of the program when the pictures are shown.

The second part of the program will be a town meeting open forum, in which representatives of the Board of Commissioners, Health Board and School Board will answer questions.

Questions answered will be written prior to the town meeting. They will be gathered from the member organizations of the Haverford Township Civic Council.

During the program the Haverford Senior High School band will play.

In announcing the program, A. Newtown Huff, publicity chairman for the Civic Council and president of the Ridgewood Park Civic Association, said:

"The sound motion pictures will give our residents a unique interpretation of the government machinery through which their affairs are conducted. Wherever they have met an enthusiastic response. Town meetings like these will bring our public officials and citizens closer together and help them in their attainment of civic objectives."

Approve Bond

A \$500,000 bond has been approved by Lower Merion Township commissioners for J. Walter Hammonds, who begins his four year term as township treasurer and collector on January 1. The Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland will be surety for the bond.

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Ardmore Hostess Distributing Christmas Cheer



Rose Mary Venuto, of 637 Lorraine St., Ardmore, a hostess at the USO-Labor Plaza, taking over Santa's duties at Town Hall last Saturday. Receiving their Christmas presents are (left to right): Sgt. William Third Class Chris Peterson, of Brookline; Private Thomas Aycock, of Springfield, Mass.; Pinalman Howard Hatch, of 2105 N. Randolph St., Philadelphia, and Specialist Third Class Louis Tevell, of Floufou.

Teachers Attend Annual Convention

Compulsory Training Is Topic At Meeting In Harrisburg

School teachers from the Main Line listened to discussions of compulsory military training at the annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Education Association in Harrisburg this week.

Attending the convention were teachers from public and private schools in Lower Merion and Haverford Townships and Narberth Borough.

Five educators headed-up a symposium on the subject, high-lighting a conference of secondary school principals—one of a series of meetings going on concurrently as a part of the Pennsylvania State Education Association's annual convention.

Along that line, convention delegates last night heard one spokesman support compulsory military training—with qualifications.

H. Virgil Grumbling of Berlin, Somerset County, one of nine educators speaking for the veterans of their P. S. E. A. convention, said he was for the training if it is necessary to "maintain permanent peace."

He declared "the educator should have a great deal to say about the program."

Dr. Gilbert, President of Shipensburg State Teachers' College, who has been in two world wars, said the kind of war he'd "like to fight" is "the war for peace."

His educational system can take part of the credit for developing "the leadership and initiative" the American soldier showed, said former WAC Helen Wallace of Erie, who was on the SHAEP Public Relations Staff.

Services To Be Held For Mrs. Schneider

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 P. M. for Mrs. Gertrude Schneider, wife of Charles Schneider of 1224 Bon Air Rd., Bon Air, at the funeral home of David G. Frankenstein & Sons, 317 N. 52nd St., West Philadelphia. Interment at Montrose Cemetery will be private.

Mrs. Schneider died at her home Saturday afternoon following a long illness. A resident of Bon Air for 25 years she had been active in community affairs for a number of years. She was a member of the Belmont Chapter O.E.S., Manoa Unit 667 of the American Legion Auxiliary, Haverford Township Council of Republican Women and a past president of both the Hilltop Women's Community Club and the Bon Air Woman's Club.

Surviving besides her husband are two daughters, Mrs. Gerald Transue and Mrs. Anthony W. Denzler, of Bon Air and a sister, Mrs. R. V. Manders, of Washington, D. C.

Midgie Pearce In University Recitals

Midgie Pearce of Bala-Cynwyd, as member of the Indiana University Choral Union, is appearing in many recitals and radio programs being presented at the University and in surrounding cities. With the appointment this Fall of Milton F. Rehg to take charge of choral music at the University, this field of musical activity has been much enlarged.

The Choral Union of 250 voices includes the girls' glee club, men's glee club, and the A cappella choir, plus a number of Bloomington adult singers. In addition to singing as one large group, the individual organizations also put on various programs.

Auxiliary Made \$155 At November Bazaar

At the Christmas meeting of the St. Margaret's group of the Women's Auxiliary of St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, last Thursday evening, Mrs. Samuel S. McNeary, in a setting of red and green Christmas decorations, read "Our First Christmas Tree."

Geo. Earle Buys Wedding Gifts For Jacqueline

George H. Earle, late married man of Haverford and former governor of Pennsylvania, is shopping in Istanbul's bazaar for wedding presents for Jacqueline Sacre.

Jacqueline is the daughter of a Belgian adviser for Turkish railroad interests.

Jacqueline and former Gov. Earle expect to be married sometime this week.

In the bazaar Earl was looking for oriental rugs, jewels and antique weapons. Already he has spent \$50,000 on wedding gifts.

Earle said witnesses at the wedding ceremony would include high State representatives here, Charles Wilson, U. S. Ambassador to Turkey, promised to attend if his health and the political situation permitted.

Miss Sacre, interviewed at her home where she was discussing details of her trousseau with Istanbul's most fashionable dress-makers, was as enthusiastic as Earl.

"I love George," she said, "I know he would come back, and I have only one desire—to make him happy."

Earle was reported to have bought a medium-sized invasion cargo to be converted into a yacht for cruising along the Mediterranean coast.

Mrs. Joseph White Dies On Monday

Funeral Services Held on Thursday Afternoon

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Frankenstein Funeral Home, Ardmore, for Mrs. Joseph P. White, 50, who died early Monday morning at her home, Narberth after a long illness.

Secretary of the Montgomery County Republican Committee and first vice-president of the Mulieres of the Narberth Fire Company, Mrs. White has been known by many for her kindness and generosity.

For almost 10 years she managed and ran the White Sweet Shop, Narberth.

The Rev. George Emerson Barnes, D.D. officiated at the services and she was interred at the Arlington Cemetery.

Mrs. White is survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Robert Baker, two grandchildren, Robert, Jr. and Joseph Baker, and a sister, Mrs. William G. Bowler, Lancaster.

Reelected Chairman At Methodist Church

Dr. Irwin Griggs, assistant professor of English at Temple University, has been reelected chairman of the faculty-student committee on controversial issues for the coming year. Dr. Griggs lives at 422 W. Conshohocken State Rd., Gladwyn.

Haverford Girl, Escort Claim Jewels, Money Taken Near Hotel

A Haverford girl and her escort were robbed of \$80 in cash and \$600 in jewelry as they were about to enter the Barclay Hotel in Philadelphia last week.

Lt. John F. McCloskey, Jr., 25, of Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, told police that he and Miss Mary D. Mann, 19, of 407 Berkley Rd., Haverford, were leaving their car prior to entering the hotel when two gunmen approached.

Lt. McCloskey reported one of the men saying, "Get in and start it up." In the excitement he dropped the keys of the car, and in the darkness, was unable to find them.

One of the robbers then pointed his gun at the lieutenant and forced him to turn over \$80. In the meantime, the other man, dressed in a knife and pointed

More Men Return Than Discharged

Total of 21 Back for Furloughs and Only 15 Released

Fifteen local men and women were released from service at various separation centers recently. The list also shows a total of 21 men believed to be arriving for furloughs and reassignment.

Among the men and women released are:

MoMM 2/c Howard L. Alexander, Wynnewood.

Coxswain Hazard O. Watkins, Haverford.

ITM 1/c Willis J. Braxton, Haverford.

Bkr 3/c Alexander Merwin, Wynnewood.

Sgt. Lester E. Peters, Narberth.

T/Sgt. Samuel S. Kelso, Ardmore.

T/Sgt. Ernest McCleary, Bryn Mawr.

Pfc. Merle M. Frederick, Bala-Cynwyd.

Pvt. Michael J. Talley, Haverford.

M/Sgt. Daniel Divitillo, Bryn Mawr.

Sgt. Horace S. Lee, Ardmore.

Pvt. Joseph J. Linn, Ardmore.

T/4 Richard Custer, Narberth.

Sgt. Edmund J. Barrett, Haverford.

T/5 Curnow D. Carlson, Bryn Mawr.

S/Sgt. Stokes Stitt, Ardmore.

T/5 Wardell A. Henry, Bryn Mawr.

T/5 Theodore W. Holland, Ardmore.

T/5 Clarence H. Thompson, Ardmore.

Pfc. Herbert E. Boyd, Jr., Ardmore.

T/5 Frank Rutherford, Ardmore.

Shortridge Tract Developer Offers 70-Year-Old Barn As Memorial Community Center

Garbage Contract Calls For Tri-Weekly Summer Collections

The new garbage contract approved by Lower Merion commissioners will give residents three collections of garbage weekly in the summer instead of two. Previous contracts have been for twice weekly collections both in the summer and winter.

The contract was awarded to Peter Blossenski, Lima, Delaware County, at a bid of \$75,000 for three years. For the bi-weekly collections the Township paid \$66,000 for the last three years.

The bi-weekly collections will be made from November to April, inclusive, and for the remainder of the year there will be three collections a week.

C. Brooke Jones L.M. Commissioner Succumbed Friday

Police Honor Guard At Funeral Of Prominent Leader

C. Brooke Jones, Lower Merion Township Commissioner since 1932, died Friday at his home on Mary Waters Ford Rd., West Manayunk, after a short illness.

Many Lower Merion Township officials were among the friends who attended his funeral, held Monday at the Charles White-man Funeral Home in Philadelphia. Interment was in Old St. David's Churchyard, Radnor. The Rev. Henry S. Noon conducted the rites.

Police of the Lower Merion, Radnor and Philadelphia forces formed an escort for the cortege from the funeral establishment to the cemetery. An honor guard of Lower Merion and Radnor policemen was posted during the service at the grave.

Township Native
Born in Lower Merion Township, Mr. Jones was the son of the late Simon M. and Elizabeth Heysham Jones. He received his early education in the Lower Merion schools and later attended Drexel Institute of Technology.

Mr. Jones was actively engaged in politics here from the time he was old enough to vote. Traditionally an organization Republican, he was appointed to the Board of Commissioners on September 16, 1932, by the Montgomery County Court to succeed William H. McMoran, who died in July of that year. In ensuing years, he was elected and re-elected to the post.

For many years he was chairman of the Commissioners' police and fire committee. At one time he was manager of the West Manayunk baseball team and he was always an active member of the West Manayunk Fire Company.

Electrical Contractor
A prominent electrical contractor in Manayunk for 30 years, Mr. Jones was a member of Henderson Lodge No. 661, F. and A. M., and was a past master.

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Restaurants Cited For Price Violation

Many Complaints Of Over-Charges On Xmas Merchandise

Out of 188 restaurants under the jurisdiction of Clarence Kay, restaurant panel chairman for the Upper Darby War Price and Rationing Board, 108 have been charged with price violations and must be called before the board for hearings, it was announced this week.

Kay will be assisted in the work by C. S. Halsall, 104 Park Ave., Llanerch, Frederick MacDougal, 114 S. Sixth St., Darby; John McFarland, 1212 Lindale Ave.; Howard A. Parris, 647 Shadeland Ave. and Chantley W. Davis, 830 Harper Ave., all of Drexel Hill.

W. H. Vallar, acting chairman of the board, also disclosed that the board is being deluged with complaints of price violations in many stores during the Christmas holidays, with some stores apparently trying to charge all they can for scarce articles.

He cited as an example a dis-charged service man's complaint that he was charged 21 cents over for men's shorts in a local store.

The veteran was advised by the local price panel that he could bring suit against the merchant and could receive a minimum of \$50 if the dealer were found guilty. The returned soldier thereupon instituted suit for his claim.

"On all durable goods," Vallar pointed out, "the OPA has re-factored, who places a retail ceiling price on each item of apparel for the purchaser's protection."

"This was a warning to all purchasers of durable goods to be sure and inspect their purchases for overcharges. The board is not a localized disaster like a fire or flood," the chairman added; "where one might stand a good chance of getting out of its way. We can't run away from inflation. We've got to stand up and fight."

President of Civic Association Would Like To See Little Theatre Movement Started; Zoning Change Also Sought Lancaster Ave. and Wynnewood Rd.

Edwin B. Mahoney of the Mahoney Construction Company, Ardmore, has offered the 70-year-old barn on Wynnewood's historic Shortridge tract to the Wynnewood Civic Association for use as a War Memorial or a community center. It was announced this week.

RETIREES



Frank A. Fogel, Wynnewood Park Apartments, Wynnewood, assistant to the auditor of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, retires next Monday after almost 42 years in the telephone industry.

Fogel, a graduate of Girard College, started with the Bell Company as a bookkeeper in 1904. He was appointed as assistant to the auditor in January, 1937.

He has one son, Major Frank Fogel of the United States Army, and two daughters, Gloria Fogel Chandler and Nancy B. Fogel.

The veteran telephone man is a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America. He was recently honored by company officials and co-workers at a farewell dinner at the Llanerch Country Club.

Gen. H. H. Arnold Urges Air Museum

Difference In View Over Where It Should Be Located

Gen. H. H. Arnold, Army Air Forces chief and native of Gladwyn, would like to see a National Air Museum established somewhere in the United States.

An AAF spokesman said that nearly 15,000 letters have poured into headquarters from aviation societies and representatives of the aviation industry boosting the proposed museum.

The letters in response to a nationwide canvass started by Arnold last month to find out general public opinion and to receive recommendations.

Differences in views center around location of the museum and when the project should be undertaken.

Thirty thousand answers are expected. Those already received were said to favor the program "100 per cent."

Other problems to be ironed out include whether the museum would be built by private concerns, given financial backing of municipalities, or shouldered by the Federal Government.

Typical enthusiasm for creation of the museum was expressed in a letter to Arnold by W. C. Wood of the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp., San Diego.

"I would describe the plan 'an excellent idea' and declared that the air institution would pay for itself by stimulating progress in aviation. He suggested that it be located in Washington, D. C."

Rotary Distributes Gifts At Knox Home

Almost 75 Ardmore Rotary Club members and residents of the Knox Home, Wynnewood, held their annual Christmas party last Thursday.

They had a huge Christmas tree in the living room; a magician entertained and a large hamper-full of gifts were distributed.

After an old-fashion turkey dinner the group was entertained by the Haverford Township High School brass ensemble. August Becker led the carol singing.

'Bobby Jones' Steer Winds Cops In 36 Holes Of Winter Golf

A 1490-pound, brown and white steer took four suburban policemen and three amateur cow-punchers on for a game of golf last Thursday afternoon.

The call and the police led off on the Pennsylvania Railroad Company Golf Course in Brookline about 1 P. M. When darkness settled at 7 P. M. the calf walked off with honors and his freedom.

"That calf must have been raised by Bobby Jones," declared Sergeant Thomas Johnson as he filled in the police report at the Haverford Township Police Station last night.

"He knew every hazard, every sand trap. On the fairways he was always one step ahead of the cops."

"When he got tired of running away he would turn around, bellow like a full-grown bull and charge us."

"What did we do then? Well, that's nobody's business."

At 12:35 P. M. the police had a call that the steer was wandering.

The barn was built long after the estate's mansion house which originally was the "Six-Mile House," marking the distance to Philadelphia on the toll road of Lancaster Pike in colonial days. The estate was later sold to the Shortridges during the 1890's when the Pennsylvania Railroad built the Main Line and one of the Shortridges was a director of the railroad.

James B. Swartz, president of the Wynnewood Civic Association, stated that concerted community action was necessary before the gift could be accepted.

"It will cost a considerable sum of money," Swartz reported, "to renovate the building in order to make it usable; but it would be worth it if the community gets behind the idea."

